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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC 371 from  
the International Application of  
BOHLEN, David Scott et al  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US97/06484  
Filed in the RO/US on 16 April 1997  
Entitled: *High Density Detergent-Making Process  
Using A High Active Surfactant Paste  
Having Improved Stability*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- \* In Claim 1 please replace the phrase "characterized by" with --comprising--.
- \* In Claim 3 please replace the phrase "claims 1-2" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In Claim 4 please replace the phrase "claims 1-3" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In Claim 5 please replace the phrase "claims 1-4" with --Claim 1--. Also, please replace the phrase "characterized by" with --comprising--.
- \* In Claim 6 please replace the phrase "claims 1-5" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In Claim 7 please replace the phrase "claims 1-6" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In Claim 8 please replace the phrase "claims 1-7" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In Claim 9 please replace the phrase "claims 1-8" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In Claim 10 please replace the phrase "claims 1-9" with --Claim 1--. Also, please replace the phrase "characterized by" with --comprising--.

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Please add the following new claims:

11. A process for preparing detergent agglomerates comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a non-linear viscoelastic surfactant paste including, by weight of said surfactant paste, from about 70% to 80% of a mixture of C<sub>14-15</sub> alkyl sulfate surfactant and C<sub>12-13</sub> linear alkylbenzene sulfonate surfactant, from about 15% to about 20% of water, from about 2% to about 8% of polyethylene glycol and from about 0.5% to about 1% of sodium hydroxide such that the pH of said surfactant paste is at least about 11;

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